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1. JAN OLANDER AND J. HOLMQVIST, ENERGY OFFICERS OF MFA COMMERCE, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO REFTEL QUESTIONS:

A. CHAIRMAN - GOS HAS MADE NO DECISION, BUT A SYSTEM OF ROTATING CHAIRMAN FOR COMMISSIONS PROBABLY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

B. SECRETARIAT - GOS AGREES WITH THE GENERAL THRUST OF OUR POSITION OF MINIMIZING INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE.

C. SITE - THIS HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN GOS BUT OLANDER THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE TO HAVE COMMISSIONS AT SAME LOCATION. NOTED THAT OECD SUPPORT WILL BE NEEDED IN THE WORK OF COMMISSIONS AND COORDINATION OF COMMISSION WORK WOULD BE FACILITATED IF LOCATED NEAR EACH OTHER.

D. OBSERVERS AT COMMISSION MEETINGS - OLANDER SAID INITIALLY THAT OBSERVERS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND COMMISSION SESSIONS WITH RIGHT TO SPEAK BUT WHEN TOLD THAT THE "RIGHT TO SPEAK" COULD MAKE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS DIFFICULT AND VITIATE PURPOSE OF LIMITATION OF NUMBERS, HE EQUIVOCATED AND RECOGNIZED PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE CREATED. HE NOTED THAT GOS HAD RAISED DOUBTS PREVIOUSLY ON WHETHER COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 15 MEMBERS, IF IN SO DOING, SOME STRONGLY INTERESTED COUNTRIES ARE ELIMINATED. OLANDER INFORMALLY CONCEDED THAT MEMBERSHIP PROBABLY WOULD BE LIMITED TO 15. HE SAID GOS HAS NOT DECIDED ON WHAT ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS.

E. AGENDA - OLANDER AGREED WITH USG POSITION THAT AGENDA SHOULD BE SHORT AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL, NOTING THAT MINISTERS SHOULD NOT "DEAL IN SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS".

F. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMISSIONS - THOUGH THERE IS NO GOS POSITION, OLANDER THOUGHT FOR PRACTICAL REASONS EACH COMMISSION WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE THE WORK PROGRAM FOR ITSELF. NEVERTHELESS, HE FORESAW POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES IN CONFERENCE
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IN DETERMINING MANDATE FOR COMMISSIONS. HANS EWERLOG, GOS IEA COORDINATOR, ALSO MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY TO EMBOFF THAT MANDATE QUESTION MAY BE A KEY PROBLEM AT CONFERENCE.

2. COMMENT. VIEWS EXPRESSED ABOVE PROBABLY CORRECTLY REFLECT GOS POSITION AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH OLANDER AND HOLMQVIST HEDGED THEIR COMMENTS BY STATING GOS HAD NOT REACHED FINAL DECISION ON IEA PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. STRENGTH OF GOS

INSISTENCE ON PARTICIPATION BY OBSERVERS IN COMMISSIONS WILL
DEPEND ON ANSWERS TO TWO QUESTIONS: (A) WILL GOS SUCCEED IN
BECOMING A MEMBER OF GROUP OF 27, AND (B) WHAT MECHANISM
WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO COORDINATE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSIONS
AND TO KEEP NON-MEMBERS INFORMED? GOS WILL WISH TO MAXIMIZE
ITS ROLE IN IEA MATTERS OF SWEDISH CONCERN. STRAUZ-HUPE

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